W नर्मदा और ताप्ती कार्य योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिया जाना

394. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने गंगा कार्य योजना की तर्ज पर ताप्ती और नर्मदा नदियों की सफाई के लिए नर्मदा और ताप्ती कार्य योजना को अतिंम रूप दे दिया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी लागत सहित इस योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है एवं इस योजना के चरण-वार और वर्ष-वार ब्यौरे क्या हैं और क्या इस कार्य में संबंधित राज्यों का सहयोग अपेक्षित है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, हां । जबलपुर और बुरहानपुर शहर सीमा के साथ जुड़ी नर्मदा और ताप्ती नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना के भाग के रूप में तैयार किए गए हैं । केन्द्र सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना का अनुमोदन कर दिया है ।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीम है जिसके पूंजीगत कार्यों में राज्य सरकार और भारत सरकार के बीच लागत की 50:50 की हिस्सेदारी होगी । पूर्व व्यवहारिकता की स्थिति में जबलपुर और बुरहानपुर में अवरोधन, दिशा परिवर्तन और सीवेज उपचार, अल्प लागत स्वच्छता, ठोस अपशेष प्रबंध और काष्ठ आधारित उन्नत शवदागृह आदि स्कीमों की अनुमानित लागत जबलपुर और बुरहानपुर के लिए क्रमशः 14.48 करोड़ रुपये और 5.42 करोड़ रुपये होगी । इसमें भूमि अधिग्रहरण की लागत शामिल नहीं हैं । तथापि अलग-अलग स्कमों की ठीक लागत का पता, विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्टों के प्राप्त होने के बाद ही चल पाएगा । योजना के अन्तर्गत शामिल नदियों की प्राथमिकता के आधार पर कार्यान्वियन कार्यक्रम लागू किया जाएगा ।

Declaration of Brahmani/Mahanadi River as National Water Ways

395. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a study on the Brahmani/Mahanadi river system for the purpose of declaring it as National Water Ways;

(b) if so, the details of the study undertaken in the matter; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir A. Study was conducted from Talcher to Paradip on Brahmani/ Mahanadi and its canal system in the year 1989. The study recommended for development of the route along Brahmani-Kharsua-Hansua river system from Talcher to Paradip (260 kms.) for projected coal movement of 14 million tonnes per annum. However, the limiting factor in developing this route is low discharge in the river during lean season. Further the Government of Orissa informed in March, 1991 that the entire available discharge at Samal barrage (34 kms. u/s of Talcher) during non-monsoon period would be diverted for the purpose of irrigation.

(c) In view of the above, declaration of Brahmani as a National Waterway is not considered feasible.

Benefits of Satellite Money order, System

396. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Satellite Money Order Service has been introduced in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of this operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what are the benefits to the public of this Scheme; and

(d) whether costs will be reduced with regard to Money Orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh Satellite Money Order Service has been introduced at two locations, namely, Hyderabad and

Tirupati, where Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed and commissioned. The benefits of these two centres will be extended to selected post offices around them through modemtelephone line link up.

(c) Satellite Money Order Service ensures transmission of Money Orders within seconds thereby speeding up Money Order Service considerably and the benefit of the system will be available to selected important post offices around each VSAT centre.

(d) No, Sir.

Molestation of American Tourist in Five Star Hotel in Delhi

397. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe Government have seen press report published in the Times of India of 20th June, 1995 regarding the alleged molestation and beating of an American tourist in a five star hotel, Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, New Delhi on the night of 20th May, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether any FIR was registered and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what action Government have taken, against the persons involved; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to protect and safeguard the honour and dignity of the foreign women tourists visiting India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Such a news item had appeared in the "Times of India" in its issue of June 20, 1995. A written complaint was handed over to the Delhi Police on May 24, 1995 by Mrs. Ellen Spiegal and Mr. Bruce Davies that the modesty of Mrs. Ellen Spiegal had been outraged by an unidentified male weighing over 100 Kgs.

(c) and (d) A case under section 354/509/323/34-IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place and investigation taken up. No arrest has been made in this case.

(e) All the Sub-Divisional Police Officers and station House Officers have been directed to intensify patrolling and sensitise the patrolling and other field staff, especially in areas like Connaucht Place and other places foreigners frequently visit, to react promptly and correctly to complaints made by foreigners. The police also try to ensure that culprits involved in crimes against foreigners are effectively dealt with so that foreigners have an improved sense of security while they are in the country.

Theft cases in Railways.

398. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of theft that has taken place in the Railways during 1994-95 and how docs that compare with the preceding three years; and

(b) the action taken to reduce such thefts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The amount of theft of Railway property i.e both booked consignments and Railway materials over Indian Railways during the last 4 (four) financial years is given as under:-

Year	No. of cases reported	Value of property stolen (In Rs. crores)
1991-92	101417	13.38
1992-93	104059	12.06
1993-94	90708	10.65
1994-95	76817	11.57

(b) The following preventive measures are being taken to reduce thefts of Railway property:-